
TEST INFORMATION GUIDE

This test information guide provides a summary of concepts that are tested on the written (multiple choice) examination for the Conservation Police Officer Trainee job. This information can be reviewed in combination with the class specification and examination announcement to assist you in preparing for the examination.

I. OBSERVATION & MEMORY (16 Questions)

Employees in this job must possess observation and memory skills in order to perform tasks related to the observation of illegal events and activities and the recall of the events when testifying in court. In this section of the exam you will be asked to study pictures depicting various situations and activity and to memorize events that are taking place. You will then be required to answer questions regarding the activities in the pictures relying on details you memorized. The situations depicted include:

- Fishing;
- Deer hunting;
- Duck hunting.

II. PLANT & ANIMAL SPECIES (10 Questions)

Employees in this job must be able to identify and be familiar with the various plant, animal and fish species native to Illinois. Test question topics include:

- Mammals;
- Birds of prey;
- White tailed deer;
- Coyote/fox;
- Wild turkey;
- Fish and other aquatic life;
- Trees & plants.

III. LAW ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS (10 Questions)

Employees in this job must possess public relations skills in order to effectively represent the Department of Natural Resources. Test question topics include:

- Techniques used to manage situations in which individuals are upset or hostile;
- Promoting a favorable impression of the agency and state employees.

IV. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

(20 Questions)

Employees in this job must possess the ability to communicate in written form in order to perform tasks such as completing records and reports in order to document evidence. Test question topics include:

- Identifying correctly and incorrectly spelled words;
- Report preparation techniques: outlining major topics; theme development; arrangement of report components; effective use of paragraphs, etc.;
- Effective writing techniques (e.g. brevity; organization of ideas; etc.).

V. WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

(18 Questions)

Employees often receive work in a written format. Thus, employees must have the ability to accurately follow written instructions in order to effectively and successfully complete assigned duties. This exam section is designed to test your ability to read and understand a variety of written instructions and correctly answer questions related to each set of instructions.

VI. SPORTING EQUIPMENT

(10 Questions)

Employees in this job are required to identify and be familiar with the various types of equipment which are used by sportsmen. Equipment covered in the test questions include:

- Ships/boats;
- Fishing rods;
- Shotguns/rifles/pistols;
- Archery bows.